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1. HERewith FULL TEXT KATHLEEN TELTSCH BYLINE IN NEW YORK TIMES, DATED JUNE 13, HEADED "YOUNG SATISFIED BY U.S. AFRICAN POLICY--AND HIS ROLE."
  2. UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. -- THE WAY ANDREW YOUNG TELLS IT, THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION HAS NOT VEERED FROM ITS AFRICAN POLICY, TALK ABOUT IN-FIGHTING IN WASHINGTON CONCERNING AFRICA POLICY HAS BEEN GROSSLY EXAGGERATED, AND THE UNITED STATES IS GAINING AND THE SOVIET UNION IS LOSING INFLUENCE IN AFRICA.
  3. "I'M VERY SATISFIED WITH THE WAY THINGS ARE GOING IN AFRICA -- AT LEAST WE'RE ON TOP OF EVERY CRISIS AND UNCLASSIFIED
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- HEADING OFF SOME," SAID THE UNITED STATES DELEGATE IN A RECENT INTERVIEW.
4. AS FOR THE SPECULATION THAT HIS VIEWS ON AFRICA ARE BEING GIVEN LESS ATTENTION AT THE WHITE HOUSE THESE DAYS, MR. YOUNG SHRUGS OFF SUCH REPORTS AS UNSUPPORTED GOSSIP. "I'M NOT ON AN EGO TRIP," HE SAYS. "I'M SO CONVINCED

I'M RIGHT AND I'M SO CONVINCED THE PRESIDENT IS SMART,  
THAT I'M NOT BOTHERED AT ALL."

5. ACCORDING TO MR. YOUNG, PRESIDENT CARTER'S RECENT  
DENUNCIATION OF INCREASED CUBAN-SOVIET INTERFERENCE IN  
AFRICA DID NOT SIGNAL ANY BASIC CHANGE OR SHIFT OF  
EMPHASIS IN AMERICAN POLICY.

6. "OUR PRIORITIES REMAIN FOCUSED, AS THEY HAVE BEEN FOR  
A YEAR, ON PRESSING AHEAD WITH NEGOTIATIONS TO SECURE  
GENUINE MAJORITY RULE IN RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA," MR. YOUNG  
SAYS.

7. IN WASHINGTON, AN ADMINISTRATION EXPERT ON AFRICA  
REFERRED TO THE TWO PROJECTS AS THE "MEAT AND POTATOES" OF  
AMERICAN POLICY AND SAID THAT "BOTH REMAIN ON YOUNG'S  
PLATE."

8. WHAT HAS HAPPENED IN RECENT WEEKS, MR. YOUNG SAYS, IS  
THAT THE ADMINISTRATION HAS HAD TO RESPOND TO THE SITU-  
ATION CREATED BY THE SOVIETS AND CUBAN INTERVENTION.

9. "WE HAVE NOT HAD A POLICY," HE SAID, "BUT ONE IS  
BEGINNING TO EMERGE AND I APPROVE."

10. CONCERNED ABOUT SCARED' RUSSIANS. MR. YOUNG SAYS HE  
FULLY ENDORSED THE PRESIDENT'S PROTEST ABOUT THE SOVIET  
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AND CUBAN ROLE IN TRAINING AND EQUIPPING THE INSURGENTS  
WHO CARRIED OUT AN ATTACK LAST MONTH ON ZAIRE'S SHABA  
PROVINCE FROM BASES IN ANGOLA.

11. "IT WAS ONE WAY OF DEMONSTRATING TO THE CUBANS AND THE  
RUSSIANS THAT WE ARE NOT DABBLING IN AFRICA...AND WE DON'T  
WANT THEM DOING THAT. I THINK THEY GOT THE MESSAGE  
CLEARLY."

12. MR. YOUNG ALSO APPEARED TO MINIMIZE HIS DIFFERENCES  
WITH ZBIGNIEW BRZEZINSKI, THE PRESIDENT'S NATIONAL  
SECURITY ADVISER, SAYING HE COULD AGREE WITH ALMOST  
EVERYTHING MR. BRZEZINSKI HAS SAID CONCERNING SOVIET AND  
CUBAN MILITARY ACTIVITY IN AFRICA.

13. IN THE PAST, MR. YOUNG HAS STATED THAT HIS PERCEP-  
TIONS OF AFRICAN DEVELOPMENTS DIFFER FROM THOSE OF  
MR. BRZEZINSKI. MR. YOUNG HAS ADVOCATED A CAUTIOUS  
RESPONSE TO THE CUBAN PRESENCE, PARTICULARLY IN ANGOLA,  
AND ARGUED THAT AFRICAN POLITICAL STRUGGLES SHOULD BE  
SEEN MORE WITHIN THE AFRICAN CONTEXT AND LESS IN TERMS OF  
THE EAST-WEST SUPERPOWER RIVALRY.

14. MR. YOUNG SAID THAT WHILE HE AGREED WITH  
MR. BRZEZINSKI'S OUTSPOKEN ATTACK ON THE SOVIET-CUBAN ROLE

IN ZAIRE, HE WOULD HAVE TRIED TO USE TERMS THAT WOULD NOT  
EXACERBATE THE DISPUTE.

15. HE IS CONCERNED, HE EXPLAINED, THAT A COMBINATION OF  
CIRCUMSTANCES MAY HAVE "SCARED THE RUSSIANS TOO MUCH."

16. IF MOSCOW INTERPRETS THE ADMINISTRATION STATEMENTS  
AS A SERIOUS AND MEASURED WARNING TO SHOW RESTRAINT IN  
AFRICA, THE RUSSIANS WILL GET THE RIGHT MESSAGE, MR. YOUNG  
SAYS. IF THEY READ INTO MR. BRZEZINSKI'S RECENT VISIT TO  
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CHINA THAT THE UNITED STATES INTENDS TO SUPPLY PEKING WITH  
MILITARY AID, THE RUSSIANS ARE LIKELY TO OVERREACT AND BE  
"SCARED INTO SOME KIND OF ADDITIONAL MILITARIZATION," HE  
SAID. END TEXT CHRISTOPHER

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